

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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5 STATE MEDICAL BOARD
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7 MINUTES OF MEETING
8 Friday, August 20, 2021
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10 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a regularly scheduled
11 meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board was held on Friday, August 20, 2021
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13 **August 20, 2021**
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15 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

16 The meeting was called to Order by Chair Wein at 8:17 a.m.
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18 **Roll Call**

19 Board members present:

20 Sarah Bigelow Hood, PA-C
21 Larry Daugherty, MD
22 Maria Freeman, MD
23 Lydia Mielke, Public Member
24 Richard Wein, MD (Chair)
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26 Board Members absent:

27 David Boswell, Public Member
28 Steve Parker, MD
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30 Board staff present: Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator, Steven Alvarado, Occupational Licensing
31 Examiner (OLE), Jason Kaiser OLE
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33 **2. Review Agenda**

34 The Board reviewed and approved the meeting agenda by affirmation.
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36 **3. Ethics Disclosure**

37 Ethics reporting by board members is done on a quarterly basis and is a standing item on the quarterly
38 meeting agenda. The Chair requested Ms. Norberg query each board member.
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40 There were no ethics disclosures reported.
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42 **4. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes**

43 The Board reviewed and approved by affirmation the minutes as presented for:
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- 45 • May 13-14, 2021 Meeting
- 46 • June 3, 2021 Meeting
- 47 • June 10, 2021 Meeting

- 1 • June 17, 2021 Meeting

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3 **5. Board interviews**

4 Caroline Howell, PA-C

5 Ms. Howell chose to be interviewed in executive session.

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7 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Wein and approved by roll call vote,**
8 **the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310 (c) (2) and Alaska**
9 **Constitution Right to Privacy Provision, with Board staff, Natalie Norberg remaining in the**
10 **session.**

11
12 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
13 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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15 The Board entered executive session at 8:27 a.m. The Board was back on the record at 8:33 a.m.

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17 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
18 **vote, the board approved a full and unrestricted physician assistant license for Caroline**
19 **Howell.**

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21 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
22 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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24 Jesse Ross, MICP

25 Mr. Ross chose to be interviewed in executive session.

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27 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Wein and approved by roll call vote,**
28 **the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310 (c) (2) and Alaska**
29 **Constitution Right to Privacy Provision, with Board staff, Natalie Norberg remaining in the**
30 **session.**

31
32 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
33 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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35 The Board entered executive session at 8:52 a.m. The Board was back on the record at 8:58 a.m.

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37 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
38 **vote, the board approved a full and unrestricted mobile intensive care paramedic license for**
39 **Jesse Ross.**

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41 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
42 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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44 **6. Investigations Unit**

45 **A. Board Investigation/Probation Report**

1 Chair Wein invited Senior Investigator Sonia Lipker to introduce the Board Investigation and Probation
2 Report. Investigators Billy Homestead, Michele Wall-Rood joined the meeting.

3 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Wein and approved by roll call vote,**
4 **the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310 (c) (2) & Alaska**
5 **Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of discussing Board Actions with**
6 **investigative staff and board staff, Natalie Norberg and Steven Alvarado remaining in the**
7 **session.**

8
9 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
10 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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12 The board entered executive session at 8:44 a.m. The Board was back on the record at 8:49 a.m.

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14 **7. Investigations Unit cont.**

15 **B. Board Actions needed – Consent Agreements**

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17 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
18 **call vote, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310 (c) (2) &**
19 **Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of discussing Board Actions**
20 **with investigative staff and board staff, Natalie Norberg and Steven Alvarado remaining in**
21 **the session.**

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23 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
24 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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26 The board entered executive session at 9:00 a.m. The Board was back on the record at 8:52 a.m.

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28 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
29 **vote, the Board agreed to accept the Consent Agreement for Randall Cork, MD, Case 2021-**
30 **000129, for a plan of correction to satisfy a failed audit for continued medical education**
31 **credits.**

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33 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
34 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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36 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
37 **vote, the Board agreed to accept the Consent Agreement for Michael Johnson, MD, Case 2021-**
38 **000501, for a plan of correction to satisfy a failed audit for continued medical education**
39 **credits.**

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41 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
42 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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1 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
2 **vote, the Board agreed to accept the request for an exemption of continuing medical**
3 **education requirements for Marius Panzarella, MD, Case 2021-000125.**

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5 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
6 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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8 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
9 **vote, the Board agreed to accept the Consent Agreement as presented to the Board for**
10 **Chester Hu, MD, Case 2020-000931.**

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12 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
13 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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15 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
16 **vote, the Board agreed to accept the Voluntary Suspension of License Agreement for Kevin**
17 **Paisley, D.O. as presented to the Board, Case 2021-000150.**

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19 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
20 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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22 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
23 **vote, the Board agreed to accept the Voluntary Surrender of License Agreement for Yoan**
24 **Gonzales, M.D. as presented to the Board, Case 2021-000477.**

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26 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
27 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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29 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
30 **vote, the Board agreed to accept the Voluntary Surrender of License Agreement for Yurin**
31 **Hernandez, M.D. as presented to the Board, Case 2021-000474.**

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33 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
34 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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36 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
37 **vote, the Board agreed to accept the Voluntary Surrender of License Agreement for Steven**
38 **Richardson, PA-C as presented to the Board, Case 2021-000361.**

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40 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
41 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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43 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
44 **vote, the Board agreed to accept the Voluntary Surrender of License Agreement for**
45 **Reymundo Silva, M.D as presented to the Board, Case 2021-000476.**

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47 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
48 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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2 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
3 **vote, the Board agreed to accept the Voluntary Surrender of License Agreement for Hector**
4 **Valladares, M.D as presented to the Board, Case 2021-000472.**
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6 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
7 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker
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9 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
10 **vote, the Board agreed to accept the Voluntary Surrender of License Agreement for Roland**
11 **Green, M.D as presented to the Board, Case 2021-000161.**
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13 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
14 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker
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16 **8. Break** – the Board went off the record for a break from 10:06 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.
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18 **9. Full Board Review – Request for License Reinstatement**

19 Chair Wein invited Harriet Milks, AAG to address the Board during this portion of the meeting. The
20 decision was made to enter into executive session.

21 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
22 **call vote, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310 (c) (3) &**
23 **Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of discussing the request for**
24 **License Reinstatement from Dr. Michael Brandner with Department of Law and Board staff**
25 **remaining in the session.**
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27 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
28 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker.
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30 The board entered executive session at 10:31 a.m. The Board was back on the record at 10:46 a.m.
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32 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and declined by roll call**
33 **vote, the Board denied the request to reinstate a license to Dr. Michael Brandner. The Board**
34 **cited in its decision that Dr. Brandner does not meet the minimum standard for licensure in**
35 **accordance to AS 08.64.200 (A) (4); Dr. Brandner’s medical license was revoked in California**
36 **for disciplinary reasons.**
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38 Roll Call: Nays, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
39 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker.
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41 **10. Current Regulation Projects /review of status and public comments**

42 Chair Wein invited Ms. Norberg to provide an overview/status update on current regulation projects
43 under the purview of the medical board.
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45 **Project #1: Administration of buprenorphine in emergency/disaster situations**
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1 At the June 3, 2021 meeting, the Board approved emergency regulation changes to 12 AAC
2 40.943(b) and (c) with the intent to make permanent the proposed amendments regarding the
3 declaration of an emergency, continuation of OUD treatment, documentation, and the definition of
4 emergency. The period for written comments ended on July 19, oral comments/testimony regarding this
5 matter were noticed to occur during today's Board meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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7 **Project #2 Reduced contact between remote PAs and primary physician & Removal of**
8 **redundant review of Pharmacy Board cooperative practice agreements**

9 At the May 27, 2021 meeting, the Board approved proposed changes to 12 AAC 40.430 (i) and
10 12 AAC 40.983(k) to be public noticed. The intent of the changes are to 1) eliminate the need for direct
11 personal contact between a physician assistant the primary or alternate collaborating physician during
12 the period in which the physician assistant is actively practicing under the collaborative plan; and 2) to
13 remove redundant language with respect to the approval process for cooperative practice agreements
14 between a pharmacist and physician. The comment period for this project closed at 4:30 p.m. on July
15 29th. The board did not request to allow for oral comments/testimony; one written public comment was
16 received.

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18 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, the Board**
19 **approved by roll call vote to adopt the changes to 12 AAC 40.430 (i) and 12 AAC 40.983(k, as**
20 **public noticed, considering public comment and there is no additional cost to the public for**
21 **the proposed regulations.**

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23 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein

24 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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26 As the meeting progressed ahead of schedule, Chair Wein queried the board and by affirmation the
27 decision was made to address Agenda Item # 18 and subsequently some matters from Agenda Item #17
28 before the lunch break.

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30 **11. (Formerly item 18) Applicant Review and Final Approvals**

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32 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein and seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, the Board approved**
33 **by roll call vote to grant the following physicians full unencumbered licensure in Alaska.**

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35 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein

36 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker.

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Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
DO	DiAnne	Adams
DO	Katherine	Adams
DO	David	Applebury
DO	Daniel	Bade
DO	Sarah	Blazovic
DO	Cristina	Copus
DO	Paige	Cummings-Johnson
DO	Neysa	Dominguez
DO	Matthew	Dow

Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
DO	Joseph	Palumbo
DO	Andrew	Peters
DO	Nataliya	Polito
DO	Rocky	Saenz
DO	Jennifer	Stratton
DO	Frank	Szumski
DO	Marcus	Thiemann
DO	Nicole	Tucker
DO	Michael	Walleri

DO	Steven	Ferrell
DO	William	Lehecka
DO	Michael	Lemon
DO	Amy	Meister
DO	Anthony	Mustovich
DO	Tait	Olaverson
DO	Andrew	Oliver

DO	Hans	Wilhelm
DO	Mark Anthony	Mitchell

On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein and seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, the Board approved by roll call vote to grant Elizabeth Litoff full licensure for a Doctor of Podiatry in Alaska.

Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein and seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, the Board approved by roll call vote to grant the following physician assistants full licensure in Alaska.

Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker.

Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
PA	Patrick	Alduenda
PA	Aliza	Algozina
PA	James	Awuah
PA	Joshua	Bailey
PA	Kelly	Blount
PA	Madeline	Carroll-Schaal
PA	Annamarie	Chefalo
PA	Shannon	Dieffenderfer
PA	Heather	Dunford
PA	Kristen	Hamilton

Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
PA	Adam	Mabry
PA	Shanna	McGrath
PA	Krista	Niezwaag
PA	Jose De Jesus	Paniaqua
PA	Patricia	Payne-Zajac
PA	Kathleen	Pyatek
PA	Stephen	Shepro
PA	Christopher	Shults
PA	Michele	Tepper
PA	Dallas	Thomason

On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein and seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, the Board approved by roll call vote to grant the following physicians licensure in Alaska.

Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker.

Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
MD	John	Anderson
MD	Sarah	Anderson
MD	Arundhuti	Banerjee
MD	Chelsea	Banks
MD	George	Banks
MD	David	Barron

Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
MD	Gregory	Fahl
MD	Nashat	Fanos
MD	Sherif	Felix
MD	Chloe	French
MD	Kathryn	Fuchs
MD	Thomas	Fuller

MD	Jessica	Barry
MD	Joseph	Beard
MD	James	Bergene
MD	Catherine	Buckley
MD	Matthew	Campbell
MD	Matthew	Cellini
MD	Anna	Chacon
MD	Jason	Chirichigno
MD	Maryna	Chumakova-Orin
MD	Robert	Clark
MD	John	Cochran
MD	Matthew	Cook
MD	Maria	Collantes
MD	Sharon	Cooperman
MD	Elizabeth	Cummings
MD	Julia	Daher
MD	Matthew	Davis
MD	Kinjal	Desai
MD	Lauren	Doerfler
MD	Adam	Esch
MD	Carlos	Estrada-Velez
MD	Aixa	Expinosa-Morales
MD	Stephen	Ezeji-Okoye
MD	Shawn	Fagan
MD	Stephanie	Leong
MD	Isaac	Lopez
MD	Philip	Louie
MD	Kaitlyn	Main
MD	Stephen	Markewich
MD	Jonathon	McGarry
MD	Heather	McGowan
MD	David	Meadows
MD	Shina	Menon
MD	Mohammad	Paryavi
MD	Ankur	Patel
MD	Prema;	Patel
MD	Michele	Ptaszkiewicz
MD	Bernard	Pulido
MD	Zoe	Raleigh
MD	Anika	Ramos
MD	Vandana	Raman
MD	Shane	Rall
MD	Jessica	Ray
MD	Gavva	Reddy

MD	Willy	Gama
MD	Xi Nuo	Gao
MD	Narenda	Garg
MD	Karen	Hanten
MD	Brady	Hauptrecht
MD	Robert	Hitchcock
MD	Stephen	Holtzclaw
MD	Cynthia	Horner
MD	Raymond	Hwang
MD	Robert	Jackson
MD	Howard	Jeffries
MD	James	Jordan
MD	Kitti	Kaiboriboon
MD	Gabrielle	Karpinsky
MD	Colleen	Kersgard
MD	Nahida	Khan
MD	Woo	Kim
MD	Ryan	Kronen
MD	Heather	Kong
MD	Eric	Kraemer
MD	Manda Emeline	Lai
MD	Dominique	Laron
MD	John	Lassetter
MD	Fayzel Spencer	Lee
MD	Sarah Emily	Smith
MD	Sarah	Spadafina
MD	Myles	Spar
MD	Danielle	Stevens
MD	Scott	Stewart
MD	Cynthia	Stoddard
MD	Brendan	Sullivan
MD	Whitney	Tolpinrud
MD	Jordan	Trezza
MD	Jered	Weinstock
MD	Alexander	Welge
MD	Fang	Wen
MD	Matthew	Wood
MD	Minlin	Xu
MD	Stephani	Zakutansky

MD	Radhika	Reddy
MD	Lisa	Rynn
MD	Kataneh	Salari
MD	Christopher	Sampson
MD	William	Schaeffer
MD	David	Schalk
MD	Edward	Schwartz
MD	Kelsey	Sholund
MD	Anna	Shorer

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2 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Dr. Wein, the Board approved by roll**
3 **call vote to grant the following Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics licensure in Alaska.**

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5 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
6 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker.

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Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
MICP	Bradly	Adams
MICP	Armadeus	Davidson
MICP	Brady	Deal
MICP	Brandon	Delgato
MICP	Thomas	Fagnani
MICP	Mallory	Garbe
MICP	Vladislav	Glushkov
MICP	Stephen	Hartley

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10 **12. (Formerly Agenda Item 17) Introduction to ideas for License Application/process streamlining**
11 Chair Wein invited Board staff to introduce this topic. Ms. Norberg and Mr. Alvarado reported that
12 many states have adopted new telemedicine/expedited or temporary licensure types during the COVID-
13 19 Pandemic. Two states in particular, Arizona and Florida have established some processes that if
14 implemented could potentially create efficiencies for applicants and licensing staff in Alaska.
15 Arizona created a new temporary license type in 2017, and Florida added multiple new license types
16 2019. Examples and details from Arizona and Florida were provided. Chair Wein voiced his support for
17 creating a specialized Telehealth license application and an abbreviated Expert Witness license
18 application and forming a Board work group to address these issues.

19 **13. Lunch Break** – the Board recessed for lunch at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

20 **14. Public Comment**

21 Chair Wein invited members of the public to address the Board.

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23 Jade King, employee with Wilderness Medical Staffing addressed the Board. WMS is a company that
24 specializes in helping to place locum tenens in remote areas of Alaska. In her testimony, Ms. King
25 advocated to remove the notary requirements on the Physician Assistant Collaborative Plan. The form
26 requires that both the physician assistant and the collaborating physicians' signatures be notarized. This

1 requirement can cause significant delays in the completion of the collaborative plans, which can cause
2 delays and hardships for health care providers in remote areas who are frequently short-staffed and
3 dependent on an agile and itinerant work force.

4 Jennifer Williams with the Tanana Chief Conference addressed the Board. In her testimony, Ms. Williams
5 also voiced support for eliminating the notary requirement for Collaborative Plans, citing that the
6 requirement causes unnecessary delays in dispatching physician assistants in TCC's remote service
7 areas.

8 Recess – the Board took a brief recess from 12:53 p.m. to 12:58 to allow for the Executive Administrator
9 to attempt to contact Board members not present.

10 **Proposed Edits to Physician Assistant Collaborative Plan Form**

11 Chair Wein invited Ms. Norberg to explain proposed edits from board staff regarding the Physician
12 Assistant Collaborative Plan Form. According to 12 AAC 40.410 (a), any changes made to the form must
13 be approved by the Board. The initial temporary suspension of the notary requirement for licensure
14 applications was the result of emergency regulations passed in November 2020. The regulation change
15 was made permanent by the Medical Board in April 2021. The intent of this change was to help
16 streamline the licensure application process during a disaster declaration and to have the optional
17 ability to easily suspend this requirement again in the event of future disasters. After the Governor
18 terminated the disaster declaration in February 2021, board staff resumed requiring notary
19 requirements on all license application forms, including collaborative plans.

20 Per the public feedback indicating an ongoing need to expedite licensure for physician assistants, Board
21 staff recommend that the notary requirement for Collaborative Plan Form and certain required
22 document attachments (deemed as being duplicative) be permanently removed from the Collaborative
23 Plan Form.

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25 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein and seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, the Board declined**
26 **by roll call vote to continue to require PA's current NICCPA certificate, PA's DEA Registration**
27 **and the collaborating physician's DEA registration be attached to and to permanently**
28 **reinstate the notary signature requirement on the Physical Assistant Collaborative Plan Form,**
29 **form number 08-4226.**

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31 Roll Call: Nays, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
32 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker.

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34 Chair Wein allowed the Executive Administrator to address questions from members of the public
35 regarding the anticipated timeline for implementation for the approved changes to the Collaborative
36 Plan. The changes will go into effect immediately however it may take several weeks for the form
37 posted on the website to reflect the changes.

38 **Current Regulation Projects /review of status and public comments - Continued**

39 After acknowledging no public comments received during the time set for oral public comments for the
40 regulation changes proposed for 12 AAC 40.943(b) and (c), Chair Wein proposed moving forward with a
41 board vote on the proposed changes.

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1 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Dr. Daugherty and approved by roll call**
2 **vote the board adopted the changes to 12 AAC 40.943(b) and (c), as public noticed,**
3 **considering public comment and there is no additional cost to the public for the proposed**
4 **regulations.**

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6 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
7 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker.

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9 **15. Malpractice Case Review**

10 Chair Wein advised the Board to go into executive session.

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12 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Freeman and approved by roll call**
13 **vote, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310 (c) (3) &**
14 **Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of discussing malpractice**
15 **cases with board staff remaining in the session.**

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17 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
18 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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20 The Board entered executive session at 1:03 p.m. The Board was back on the record at 1:32 p.m.

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22 During executive session the Board reviewed five self-reported malpractice cases by licensees to
23 determine whether further action by the board is warranted

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25 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Dr. Daugherty and approved by roll call**
26 **vote, the Board agreed to take no further action after reviewing the matter concerning Carrie**
27 **Harvey, MD and case number 2:19-CV-00163-ABJ, Wyoming US District Court.**

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29 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
30 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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32 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Dr. Daugherty and approved by roll call**
33 **vote, the Board agreed to direct the Executive Administrator draft a non-public letter of**
34 **reprimand for John Horton, MD in response to case number 3:16-cv-05781-RBL.**

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36 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
37 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

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39 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Dr. Daugherty and approved by roll call**
40 **vote, the Board agreed to take no further action after reviewing the matter concerning Larry**
41 **Nye, PA-C and case number 17-2-00628-7, Benton County Superior Court, Washington.**

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43 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
44 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker

1 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Dr. Freeman and approved by roll call vote,**
2 **the Board agreed to direct the Executive Administrator draft a non-public letter of Advisement**
3 **for Norman Rokosz in response to FTCA case number 18-0533.**
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5 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
6 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker
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8 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call**
9 **vote, the Board agreed to take no further action after reviewing the matter concerning**
10 **Stanley Wells, MD and Case number 16-250-721-11 Franklin County Superior Court,**
11 **Washington.**
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13 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
14 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker
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16 **16. Introduction to Physician Assistant Proposal - Request for Work Group**

17 Chair Wein invited Ms. Norberg to introduce the topic. In follow-up to the Alaska Physician Assistant
18 Association’s presentation to the Board at the June 10, 2017 meeting, AKPAA reached out the Executive
19 Director and provided specific draft regulation changes to chapter 12 AAC 40.400 modernize Alaska’s
20 regulations that govern scope of practice and collaborative relations to commensurate with current
21 national standards and practices. The establishment of an official Board work group to focus and foster
22 understanding regarding the breadth of the requested changes was proposed. Board members Sarah
23 Bigelow Hood, PA-C and Chair Wein volunteered to be on a work group. It was also suggested that non-
24 present Board member, Steve Parker, may also be interested in being on the work group. Ms. Norberg
25 will follow up with work group members to establish a schedule for meetings and ensure meetings have
26 appropriate public notice.
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28 **17. Closing Business**

29 The Chair invited Board members and staff to address any outstanding items of business.
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- 31 A. The need to add additional treatment centers to the Board’s official list of approved treatment
32 centers for physicians was discussed. Pam Ventgen with the Physician Health Committee
33 provided information regarding the vetting process and the importance of selecting programs
34 that are certified to treat physicians and other executive level professionals.
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36 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Daugherty, seconded by Dr. Freeman and approved by roll call**
37 **vote, the Board agreed to add two additional treatment centers recommended by the**
38 **Physician Health Committee to the list of “Board Approved” treatment centers. The new**
39 **treatment centers include: 1) the Center for Professional Recovery, Malibu, CA and; 2) the**
40 **Center for Dependency Addiction and Rehabilitation, Aurora, CO.**
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42 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
43 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker
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- 45 B. A temporary physician licensee was inadvertently missed for review and approval for full
46 licensure during the May 14 Board Meeting. The Board agreed to remedy this oversight with
47 assurance from the Executive Administrator that this physician meets all requirements for full
48 licensure.

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2 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Dr. Daugherty and approved by a roll call**
3 **vote, the Board agreed to issue Mark Anthony Mitchell a full and unencumbered medical**
4 **license effective 07/26/2021.**

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6 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
7 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker
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9 C. **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Dr. Daugherty and approved by a roll call**
10 **vote, the Board agreed to direct the Executive Administrator to investigate the possibilities to**
11 **allow an additional 30-day grace period at the time of initial licensure or renewal to complete**
12 **CME's.**

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14 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Wein
15 Absent for Vote: Mr. Boswell and Dr. Parker
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17 D. Board members were advised of a recent communication from Director Chambers concerning
18 the recent resurgence of high COVID-19 cases and the possible need to for the Board to act
19 swiftly on issues and requests from the Health Department as they arise. It was also reiterated
20 that that there continues to be a high demand for licensure for practitioners wishing to provide
21 telehealth services to Alaskans, and it would be helpful if the Board adopted a separate license
22 type to help expedite the process
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24 **Adjournment**

25 The Chair expressed his appreciation to the board.
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27 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.
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30 Respectfully submitted:

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32 /s/ Natalie Norberg

33 Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator
34 Alaska State Medical Board
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36 November 19, 2021

37 Date

Approved:

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32 /s/ Richard Jan Wein, MD

Richard Wein, MD, President
Alaska State Medical Board

36 November 19, 2021

Date